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SUBJECT: TOGOLESE PARTY MILITANTS DEMONSTRATE IN SUPPORT
OF MOBUTU IN COUP ATTEMPT AFTERMATH

1. AFTER THREE DAYS OF NO RPT NO NOTICE IN TOGO BEYOND PUBLICATION OF AFP AND REUTERS DESPATCHES IN "TOGO-PRESSE" AND SIMILAR RADIO-TV NEWS COVERAGE, ZAIRIAN COUP STORY CAME CLOSER TO HOME JUNE 19 WHEN "ANIMATEURS DE LA REVOLUTION TOGOLAISE" (ARETO) STAGED MARCH OF SUPPORT FOR MOBUTU IN LOME. (ARETO CONSISTS OF PARTY YOUTH MILITANTS RECRUITED IN LOME AND ITS ENVIRONS. ITS USUAL FUNCTION IS "ANIMATION" OF PUBLIC POLITICAL CONSCIOUSNESS THROUGH SINGING, DANCING AND DECLAIMING POLITICAL PROPAGANDA. WHOLE "ANIMATION" IDEA, BAG AND BAGGAGE, WAS IMPORTED FROM ZAIRE TWO YEARS AGO IN CARBON-COPY IMITATION OF MOBUTU'S METHODS.

2. MARCHERS, EVIDENTLY SEVERAL HUNDRED STRONG, PARADED AROUND TOWN'S MAIN BOULEVARD TO RESIDENCE OF ZAIRIAN AMBASSADOR. THERE NIMON-TOKI, DIRECTOR OF CABINET OF INFORMATION MINISTRY AND LEADER OF GROUP, READ RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT,
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DESCRIBING COUP ATTEMPTS AS "ANOTHER SAKAKAWA" AND STRESSING

POLITICAL LINKAGE BETWEEN TOGO'S "RASSEMBLEMENT DU PEUPLE TOGOLAIS" (RPT) AND ZAIRE'S MPR AND BETWEEN EYADEMA-MOBUTU. RESOLUTION PREDICTABLY CONDEMNS "THIS ODIOUS ACT OF IMPERIALISM" AND DENOUNCES "PERFIDIOUS MANEUVERS OF IMPENITENT IMPERIALISM". MORE OMINOUSLY, RESOLUTION SAYS "WE WARN AGENTS OF IMPERIALISM AND THEIR LOCAL TOADYING AND CROUCHING DOGS AGAINST ANY POSSIBLE MISFORTUNE WHICH MIGHT BEFALL GENERALS MOBUTU AND EYADEMA."

3. ZAIRE'S AMBASSADOR TO TOGO, GENERAL DE BRIGADE N'KULUFA LOMBINDO LONJALL, IN RESPONSE TO ARETO DELEGATION, POSED RHETORICAL QUESTION WHY IMPERIALISTS SHOULD WISH TO LIQUIDATE AFRICAN LEADERS. N'KULUFA ALSO COMPARED "ODIOUS ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT" (AGAINST EYADEMA LAST YEAR) AT SAKAKAWA TO THAT PLOTTED AGAINST MOBUTU.

4. ZAIRIAN AMBASSADOR EARLIER RUSHED INTO PRINT JUNE 18 WITH "COMMUNIQUE" REPEATING STORY OF "COUP MONTE ET MANQUE." PLOTTERS WERE, HE CLAIMED, NOT ZAF PERSONNEL BUT "SEVERAL MISGUIDED SONS THIRSTY FOR MONEY." COMMUNIQUE BLAMES "GREAT FOREIGN POWER" FOR INSTIGATING PLOT, RECALLS MOBUTU'S 1973 UNGA SPEECH AND HIS SPEECH TO AFRO-AMERICAN DIALOGUE CONFERENCE IN KINSHASA "WHERE HE DENOUNED BEFORE WORLD OPINION POLICY OF DESTABILIZATION (IMPERIALISTS) WISH TO IMPOSE ON AFRICA." INTERESTINGLY, GENERAL N'KULUFA TOLD EMBOFF JUNE 17 AT AIRPORT WELCOME FOR CHIEFS OF STATE COMING TO MEDIATE MALI-UPPER VOLTA DISPUTE THAT SEVERAL OF HIS ARMY FRIENDS IN ZAIRE HAD BEEN ARRESTED. (HIS WIFE, NOW IN BRUSSELS, WAS KEEPING HIM POSTED BY TELEPHONE.) EMBOFF UNDERSTOOD GENERAL TO SAY LEADING COUP FIGURE HAD BEEN HIS CHIEF OF STAFF WHEN HE HELD DIVISION COMMAND AT HOME. PLAINLY CONCERNED THAT INVOLVEMENT OF HIS ARMY COLLEAGUES WILL IMPLICATE HIM. AMBASSADOR IS EVIDENTLY GOING ALL OUT TO ESTABLISH HIS PRO-MOBUTU POSITION.
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